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FROM USDEL MAPUTO

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TAGS: PORG, RO, MZ
SUBJECT: MAPUTO CONFERENCE: MUGABE SPEECH

1. ROERT MUGABE, ONE OF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT (PF) LEADERS,
ADDRESSED OPENING SESSION OF UN CONFERENCE IN SUPPORT OF ZIMBABWE
AND NAMIBIA. MUGABE STATED HE WAS GRATIFIED THAT DUE TO EFFORTS OF
CARTER ADMINISTRATION BYRD AMENDMENT WAS REPEALED. MUGABE ATTACKED
WESTERN COUNTRIES, NAMING U.S. INTER ALIA FOR ALLOWING OIL CON-
GLOMERATES TO SUPPLY PETROLEUM TO RHODESIA AND ACQUIESING IN THE
RECRUITMENT OF MERCENARIES FOR RHODESIA.

2. MUGABE SAID BRITAIN HAS SHRIKED ITS RESPONSIBILITY,
AND BY CALCULATED ACTS OF OMMISSION AND COMMISSION
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AIDED AND ABETTED THE SMITH REGIME. THE FIRST US-UK INITIATIVE
WAS A "DISGRACEFUL FARCE", AND ANGLO-AMERICAN CONSPIRACY TO
LEGALIZE TREASON UNDER THE GUISE OF A TRANSFER OF POWER."
"THEY'RE AT IT AGAIN," HE ADDED. "FOR OUR PART THE RESPONSIBILITY
IS EXCLUSIVELY BRITISH. ONLY THE UK AND THE PF CAN BE ENGAGED IN
MEANINGFUL NEGOTIATIONS. ANY U.S. INVOLVEMENT WILL INTENSIFY
SUPER-POWER RIVALRY AND INTERNATIONALIZE THE CONFLICT. ALSO, ONCE

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THE U.S. IS INVOLVED, IT WILL INSIST THAT ZIMBABWE DEVELOPMENT MOVE IN ITS FAVOR. WE SAW THIS IN VIETNAM. WE CATEGORICALLY REJECT THE INTERNATIONALIZATION OF THE SITUATION. THE UK, IS OF COURSE, FREE TO MARSHALL SUPPORT FROM ITS FRIENDS, BUT THIS CANNOT BE DONE FORMALLY WITH OTHER MEMBERS AT THE CONFERENCE."

3. MUGABE SAID SPONSORS OF THE ANGLO-AMERICAN INITIATIVE SHOULD CONSIDER THE PF POSITION:
-- GENEVA IS DEAD. NEW PARTICIPANTS AND NEW GROUND RULES ARE NEEDED
-- ZIMBABWE IS ENGAGED IN A WAR SITUATION, AND TO RESOLVE THE WAR, ONLY PF AND UK NEED NEGOTIATE
-- THERE MUST BE AN UNQUALIFIED TRANSFER OF POWER--NO HALF-MEASURES
-- BRITAIN MUST PROVE ITS CAPACITY AND DETERMINATION THAT, AFTER THE CONFERENCE, SHE WILL IMPLEMENT THE DECISION OF THAT CONFERENCE.

4. MUGABE DENOUNCED SPECIFICALLY THE BRITISH, AMERICANS, AND FRENCH FOR THEIR CONTINUING SUPPLY OF ARMS TO THE SMITH REGIME. HE LATER SPECIFICALLY CITED THE FRENCH FOR COLLABORATING WITH SAG IN THE TRAINING OF "RACIST RHODESIAN PILOTS" IN SA ON MIRAGE AIRCRAFT. HE STATED THIS WAS GOING ON "AT THIS MOMENT."

5. CONCLUDING, MUGABE CALLED ON THE CONFERENCE TO
-- INCREASE UN AGENCY ASSISTANCE TOREFUGEES AND PF
-- DENOUNCE RHODESIAN GENOCIDES SUCH AS THE "DABWA KRAAL" INCIDENT
-- DENOUNCE MASS DETENTIONS AND CONCENTRATION CAMPS
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-- DENOUNCE MASS ARRESTS AND RESTRICTIONS WITHOUT TRIAL AND HANGING OF PATRIOTS
-- CONDEMN SAG FOR SUPPORT OF SMITH, FOR MASSACRE OF CHILDREN IN SOWETO, AND FOR IMPRISONMENT OF PATRIOTS
-- CONDEMN UK FOR VACILLATION AND HESITATION
-- DENOUNCE WESTERN COUNTRIES FOR FLAGRANT SANCTIONS VIOLATIONS AND RECRUITMENT OF MERCENARIES; SPECIFICALLY, AS CITED ABOVE, THE FRENCH FOR TRAINING RHODESIAN PILOTS,
-- DENOUNCE OIL MONOPLIES FOR SUPPLYING SMITH REGIME FOR POL.

COMMENT: MUGABE'S DENUNCIATION OF THE ABORTIVE GENEVA TALKS ON RHODESIA AND THE REJECTION OF ANY AMERICAN ROLE IN RESOLVING THE RHODESIA CONFLICT WERE NOT UNEXPECTED. MUGABE HAS BEEN ECHOING THESE FOR THE PAST TWO MONTHS.DE PREE

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